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CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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9. (currently amended) A switch module comprising:

a bearing housing with two first receiving openings each opening having a polygonal section with two adjacent sides defining a corner;
a control lever pivotably disposed in said bearing housing via two opposite, freely projecting first bearing pins disposed in said first receiving openings, said first bearing pins aligned along and intersected by a first pivot axis about which said control lever rotates; and
means for urging said control lever and said first bearing pins towards said corners of each of said two first receiving openings, wherein said first and ~~said second~~ bearing pins remain seated against said two adjacent sides of each first receiving opening independent of a pivot position of said control lever.

10. (previously presented) The switch module of claim 9, wherein said bearing housing is a bearing block having two second bearing pins intersecting a second pivot axis which is orthogonal to said first pivot axis .

11. (currently amended) The switch module of claim 10, further comprising a module housing having two second receiving openings with polygonal sections, said second openings disposed along said second pivot axis to accept said two second bearing pins of said bearing block.

12. (currently amended) A switch module comprising:

a bearing housing with two first receiving openings each opening having a polygonal section with two adjacent sides defining a corner;
a control lever pivotably disposed in said bearing housing via two opposite, freely projecting first bearing pins disposed in said first receiving openings, said first bearing pins aligned along and intersected by a first pivot axis about which said control lever rotates; and
means for urging said control lever and said first bearing pins towards said corners of each of said two first receiving openings, wherein said first ~~and said second~~ bearing pins remain seated against said two adjacent sides of each first receiving opening independent of a pivot position of said control lever, wherein said bearing housing is a bearing block having two second bearing pins intersecting a second pivot axis which is orthogonal to said first pivot axis, and further comprising a module housing having two second receiving openings with polygonal sections, said second openings disposed along said second pivot axis to accept said two second bearing pins of said bearing block, wherein said first bearing pins of said control lever and said second bearing pins of said bearing block form a universal joint together with said first receiving openings in said bearing block and said second receiving openings in said module housing.

13. (previously presented) The switch module of claim 9, wherein said urging means comprise a contact piece guidance disposed opposite said control lever relative to said first bearing pins and supported on a wall of a module housing.

14. (previously presented) The switch module of claim 9, wherein said first receiving openings are substantially triangular.
15. (previously presented) The switch module of claim 11, wherein said second receiving openings are substantially triangular.
16. (previously presented) The switch module of claim 9, wherein said urging means comprise a spring.
17. (previously presented) The switch module of claim 9, wherein said control lever is urged towards an operating end thereof facing a user.